Linoleum, etc. The Government and the RBI are closely monitoring both the domestic and international economic developments. Some of the steps taken by Government and RBI to arrest the decline in export growth rate are given in Statement. [Refer to the Statement appended to the answer to USQ 860 pt (a) and (b)].

Situation in cement industry

†890. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite about 30 per cent increase in the price of cement on the last year, the supply of cement has not increased in the ratio of its demand;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether units are still running in loss in spite of rise in its prices;

(d) if so, the number of such units and the reasons therefor;

(e) the prices of indigenous cement in comparison to price of foreign cement and the reasons for difference in their prices;

(f) whether it is also a fact that cement manufacturers have established their monopoly by making a cartel; and

(g) if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) The average all India retail price of cement has decreased from Rs. 237 per bag in April, 2008 to Rs. 234 per bag in January, 2009. As per data maintained by Cement Manufacturers' Association, the production of cement during the period April, 2008-January, 2009 has been 147.32 million tonnes registering a growth of 7.38% over the corresponding period in the last year.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) The data is not maintained by this Department.

(f) and (g) MRTP Commission, a quasi judicial body, is already seized of the matter regarding cartelization by the cement companies.

FDI by companies set up in Dubai

891. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of any *modus operandi* which allows bringing of money in India in the form of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) by companies/entities set up in Dubai;

(b) whether there is any yardstick fixed by Government to identify the ownership of entities who bring money in India through automatic route; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.